

Duxbury Beach plays key role in movie shoot

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Movie trailers took over the parking lot at Duxbury Beach park for a recent shoot for the film "Altar Rock." The movie has been shooting scenes around Duxbury during July and August.

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The film crew for the movie "Altar Rock" shot a scene on Duxbury Beach recently that lasted the whole day from sunrise to sunset and involved more than 250 extras who showed up to participate in the action.

Most of the extras were between ages 16 and 25, and many came from Duxbury as well as surrounding towns.

"Altar Rock" is a modern romance tale that tackles love versus loyalty to one's family and culture. The scene the crew filmed on August 17 will play a pivotal role in the movie. It features the female lead discovering the full extent of the danger she and others are in.

Part of the day included shooting for a boat scene. Screenwriter Kristin Alexandre said what happens in the scene has to remain a secret for now, but it, too, is crucial to the plot.

"It was a big success," Alexandre said of the beach shoot. "I hope everyone enjoyed the experience."

Duxbury Beach met all the demands of the production team for the big scene.

"The day started off foggy and overcast, but ended up perfectly," she said. "The sand is so beautiful and the water was amazing."

Filming for "Altar Rock" officially wrapped on August 20, and the movie is now moving to edit. From there, the team will focus on distributing it domestically, as it has already been sold internationally. The hope is that audiences will be able to see the movie early next year, and Duxbury residents can look forward to spotting recognizable locations around town.